



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FILIPINO-AMERICAN DAY

- WHEREAS: On June 12, 2017, Filipinos around the world will celebrate the anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence. In Georgia, people of Filipino descent gather on this day to commemorate the special occasion; and
- WHEREAS: The United States and the Philippines have maintained a strong partnership since 1898, when the Treaty of Paris granted the U.S. sovereignty over the Philippine Islands. The Philippines remained part of the United States until 1946 and served as a valuable ally during World War II in the fight against Japan; and
- WHEREAS: For more than 100 years, Filipino immigrants have made significant contributions to our nation's collective heritage and have enriched the overall quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: Since the late 1960s, the State of Georgia and its citizens have benefited from the Filipino community, as its members have greatly contributed in the areas of business, commerce, and culture. Today, Filipinos are present in all levels of professional life in Georgia and participate in the religious, cultural, and social practices of their local communities; and
- WHEREAS: During the observance of Philippine Independence Day, we celebrate the cultural traditions, native languages, and unique experiences represented among the Filipino community in Georgia; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2017, as FILIPINO-AMERICAN DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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